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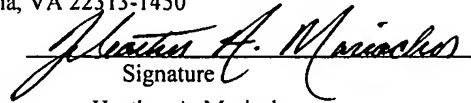
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2006 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the deadline for responding is February 14, 2007, thus Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on Monday, February 12, 2007 is timely. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), a Credit Card Payment Form authorizing payment in the amount of \$510.00 in view of the small entity status of the application is enclosed.

Please charge any additional fees that may be required for the processing of this Response, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.


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